

CITY OF TOPPENISH - Where the West Still Lives

If you have a passion for history, a taste for fresh fruits and vegetables, and an appreciation for local art, then Toppenish is your town. Located in the bountiful Yakima Valley and entirely within the boundaries of the Yakama Indian Nation, the small city of 9,000 is adorned with more than 70 historically accurate murals.

Splashed across buildings throughout town, the larger-than-life murals lead visitors through a vibrant visual history of Toppenish. Take in the sights by horse-drawn covered wagon or stroll on foot to view scenes of Native American life and culture, Wild West adventures and early-American ingenuity.

In addition to its famous murals, Toppenish is home to three engaging museums. The American Hop Museum chronicles the history of the hop industry, and the Northern Pacific Railway Museum, housed in a 1911 depot, takes visitors on a journey back to the days of steam-driven locomotives.

The Yakama Nation Cultural Heritage Center is filled with exhibits that celebrate the region's first residents. In addition, the museum complex houses a restaurant and a spacious gift shop that sells handcrafted accessories, Native American jewelry and distinctive souvenirs.

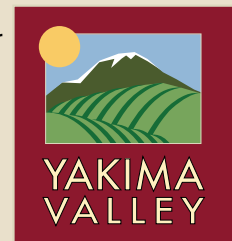
Toppenish was named one of the 20 best places to live in the West by *American Cowboy Magazine*, and the town loves to celebrate its unique qualities and attractions with popular events and festivals throughout the year.

The thrilling Toppenish Pow Wow and Rodeo takes place over Independence Day weekend and culminates with a Wild West parade on July 4th. In August, mingle with some of the region's artists at the Toppenish Western Art Show.

In late November through late December, the Toy Train Christmas celebration fills the community with holiday cheer.

Situated in the heart of wine country, Toppenish is within miles of award-winning wineries, lush vineyards and friendly farm stands. Tour wine country and sample fresh produce one day, then play 18 holes of golf at the Mt. Adams Golf Course & Country Club the next. By night, cash in on your luck at Legends Casino.

Toppenish is a significant birding area and nature enthusiasts are invited to wander the Toppenish National Wildlife Refuge, where lush wetlands attract thousands of waterfowl. Just 30 minutes away is Fort Simcoe, a 200-acre interpretive park that offers a glimpse into mid-19th century army life and local Native American culture.



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2011 TOPPENISH EVENTS

June 3-4	Toppenish Mural Society "Mural-in-a-Day"
July 2-3	Toppenish Rodeo and Pow Wow
July 4	Wild West Parade
August 19-21	Toppenish Western Art Show
August 26-27	Northern Pacific Railway Museum Rail Show
October 28-31	Haunted Depot – Northern Pacific Railway Museum
Nov. 26, Dec. 3-4, Dec. 10-11, Dec. 17-18	Toy Train Christmas – Northern Pacific Railway Museum